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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FONMINS OF
BANANA PRODUCING COUNTRIES

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1. LA NACION OF APRIL 21 CARRIED A PANAMA DATELINE, ACAN-EFE NEWS STORY SUGGESTING DIFFERENT POSITION TAKEN BY SECRETARY IN MEETING WITH BANANA PRODUCERS THAN DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. THIS REPORT STATED IN PART "NORTH AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER RECOGNIZED BEFORE THE CHANCELLORS (OF UPEB) THE MOTIVE AND JUSTICE BEHIND THE MEASURES TAKEN IN ORDER TO DEFEND THE PRICE AND MARKET OF (BANANAS)". ARTICLE REPORTED THAT PANAMANIAN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER MANFREDO "TOLD THIS WIRE SERVICE THAT LATIN AMERICAN SPOKESMEN EXPLAINED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT UPEB WAS NOT A SIMPLE CARTEL FOR INCREASING PRICES."

2. THIS ARTICLE WAS BURIED ON PAGE 21, HOWEVER, IN USUAL FRONT PAGE SYNOPSIS OF MAJOR NEWS STORIES, LA NACION REPORTED, "PANAMA: KISSINGER AFFIRMED TO THE MEMBERS OF (UPEB) THAT
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THE MEASURES FOR DEFENDING THE (BANANA) MARKET ARE JUST AND

REASONABLE." THIS WAS CONTAINED WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS STORIES HEADLINED, "U.S. PROPOSES TO LATIN AMERICA THE 'GOOD PARTNER POLICY'."

3. SAME DAILY CARRIED AN AP ITEM (DATELINED ATLANTA) BASED PRINCIPALLY ON AN INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER FACIO DURING WHICH THE LATTER MENTIONED HIS CALL ON THE SECRETARY, WHOM, FACIO REPORTEDLY SAID, "PROMISED THAT THE NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE THE GREATEST EFFORT TO PREVENT THE BOYCOTT THAT THE STEVEDORES HAVE THREATENED." AP ITEM DID NOT COMMENT ON SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON BANANA TAX ITSELF. FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE AP ITEM STATES THAT "SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM THE THREAT"

4. COMMENT: ACAN-EFE STORY, WHATEVER ITS SOURCE, APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN SECRETARY'S EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL OUT OF CONTEXT WITH THE RESULT THAT THE IMPRESSION IMPARTED TO THE PUBLIC UNFORTUNATELY IS THAT WE HAVE SOFTENED ON OUR VIEWS OF A CARTEL APPROACH BY THE BANANA PRODUCERS. THIS IS, OF COURSE, WHAT MOST COSTA RICANS WANT TO HEAR AND THE POSITION IS GIVEN ADDITIONAL PLAUSIBILITY AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF FAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR THE ATLANTA AND WASHINGTON MEETINGS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER USING APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT, I.E. TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN OUR POSITION ON THE ILA THREAT, OUR SINCERE CONCERN FOR THE DEPRESSED BANANA MARKET, AND OUR CONTINUED CONCERN ABOUT THE TACK THE BANANA PRODUCERS HAVE TAKEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE UP PRICES.

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